## Is Pe-ru-na Useful for Catarrh?

Should a list of the ingredients of Poruna be substituted to any medical expert, of what were theoler nationality, he would be obliged to admit without reserve that such one of them was of undoubted value in chronic catarrhal diseases, and had stood the test of many years' experience in the treatment of such diseases. THERE CAN BE NO DISPUTE ADOUT THIS WHAT-EVER. Peruna is composed of the most efficacions and universally used herbal remedies for catarrh. Every ingredient of Peruna has a reputation of its ewn in the cure of come phase of catarrh.

Peruna brings to the home the COM-BINES KNOWLEDGE OF SEVERAL SCHOOLS OF MEDICINE in the treatment of catarrhal diseases; brings to the home the scientificabill and know! edge of the modern pharmacist; and last but notleast, brings to the home the vast and varied experience of Dr. Hartman in the use of catarrh remedies, and in the treatment of catarrhal diseases.

The fact is, chronic catarrh is a disease which is very prevalent. Many thousand people know they have chronic catarrh. They have vicited doctors over and over again, and been told that their case is one of chronic catarrh. It may be of the nose, throat, lungs, stomach or some other internal organ. . There is no doubt as to the nature of the disease. The only trouble is the remedy. This doctor has tried to cure them. That doctor has tried to prescribe for them.
BUT THEY ALL FAILED TO

BRING ANY RELIEF.

Dr. Hartman's idea is that a catarrh remedy can be made on a large scale, as he is making it; that it can be made honestly, of the purest drugs and of the strictest uniformity. His idea is that this femedy can be supplied directly to the people, and no more be charged for it than is necessary for the

handling of it.
No other household remedy so universally advertised carries upon the label the principal active constituents, showing that Peruna invites the full meetion of the critics.



Do you like Veal Loaf? You will sure; be delighted with Libby's kind, made from choice fresh meats, in Libby's spotless kitchens. It is pure, wholesome and delicious in flavor.

Rendy for Serving At Once.-Simply Ask your greeer for Libby's and insist

Libby, McNelli & Libby

He Could Fill the Bill. A day or two after George B. Cortelyou assumed the duties of Secretary of the Treasury, he was visited by an elderly man who wanted an appointment as confidential clerk to one of the assistant secretaries.

Notwithstanding the fact that he was very busy at the time, Mr. Cortelyou gave the elderly person a hearing. On count of his age, Mr. Cortelyou said, the felt that he could not comply with the request. So, gently but firmly, he intimated to the old man that it was about time for him to go. This, however, did not dampen the latter's spirit in the least.

"Now, sir," said he, "as I feel myself peculiarly competent to fill one of these confidential clerkships, I hope that you will further consider my application." Then, wagging his head most impressively, he added:

"Oh, Mr. Cortelyou, I could be s afidential!"-"Success Magazine."

A Trick of the Trade. William Little Bigger, whose name you have doubtless very often seen in the magazines in connection with postry, was doubtless a shining light in the literary firmament, but he had rison so high that he was beyond the rer, he ran his hand in his pocket (which was probably empty) and said: "Say, Miggs, have you got change for

"Sure," was Miggs' reply; but the blow nearly killed father when William Little Bigger said;

"Please lend me a

"Get busy!" hurriedly exclaimed the

other man with a microscope." Whereupon, although there was no work that really needed to be done, every Individual ant quit soldiering and began to hustle frantically around the premises tantially as the man afterward decribed the performance to admiring audi-

## onces .- Chicago Tribune. TWO BISTERS HAD ECZEMA

Cutieura Cured Scalp Troubles Two Illinois Girls-Auother Sis-

er Took Cuticura Pills. "I must much praise to all the Cuti cura Remedies. I used but one cake of Cuticura Soap and one box of Cuticura Ointment, as that was all that was required to cure my disease. I was very ich troubled with eczemn of the head and a friend of mine told me to the the Cuticura Remedies, which I did. and am glad to say that they cured my aczema entirely. My sister was abscured of eczema of the head by using the Cutleura Remedies. Another sishas used Cutteura Resolvent and Pills and thinks they are a splendid Miss Edith Hommer, R. F. B.

## THE CHARITY GIRL

By EFFIE A. ROWLANDS

wearily.

CHAPTER XIV .- (Continued.) Dr. Sentance's hopeful prognostica-tions were fulfilled. Jack Glendurwood awoke after that long, heavy sleep a dif-Jean, in fact, was alarmed at all that

and knelt beside the bed. They said no words, only his hand clasped itself round her two little ones, and he lay gazing at her sweet eyes as though they were heaven itself.

are going on well, I am going to look the tossing trees. after your wife, Lord John," Dr. Sen- "We shall have tance said, cheerily.

"My wife!" What a world of passionate tenderness, even though it was whispered and not spoken, rang in those two little words! Audrey's heart thrilled.

"She must rest; she is young, and needs plenty of sleep, and she has been retting over you in a most terrible fashon. Come, Lady John, you can leave his lordship with a light heart, for he could not possibly be better. The best nurse, absolutely the best nurse I have ever had, Mrs. Fraser !" he declared, pleasantly.

Shella Fraser did not return to Dinglewood, nor did she vouchsafe to correspond with her stepmother. She remained on in London, a victim to the most litter disappointment and mortification.

For nearly two minutes Sheila and Beverley were struck speechless as Lady Daleswater rushed in with her bad news. The girl had turned ashen white, and Beverley's hands clinched themselves involuntarily. Lady Daleswater recovered

"Who is this gentleman?" she asked coldly, feeling annoyed that she had be-trayed her family affairs before a complete stranger.

Beverley answered her at once, "I am a man to whom this intelligence is more painful than you can possibly imagine, Lady Daleswater," anwered Beverley.

"Mr. Beverley Rochfort means that he is madly in love with this girl, who has flung herself at your brother's head," said Sheila sullenly. "It will be better to explain everything to you, dear Lady

The countess listened attentively; she was so deeply enraged with her mother, brother and the poor innocent little crea-ture who had allied herself to the ducal family, that every nerve thrilled to be able to seize upon something, however faint, that might be worked upon to bring about an annulment of this odious marriage. She uttered a sharp exclamation; it almost sounded like joy as she listened.
"All is not so bad," she cried. "Sheila,

don't you understand? Mr. Rochfort, as this creature's guardian, cannot only object to the marriage, but, according to the letter of the bond he holds, can insist on the girl living where he wishes. Mr. Rochfort, that piece of paper must be in my lawyers' hands to-night; and unless I am very much mistaken, they will ratify what I say-that you will have absolute and entire control over the

Sheila's cheeks grew a shade rosier proud tones.

"The countess is right," she said to Beverley, as they were alone: "you will be able to break this absurd marriage. You must! You must!"

"There are other ways of disposing of the marriage tie besides simple annul-ment," he said to himself, cynically, and he smiled into the flames. "If that course fails, as fail it must, for we have not a leg to stand upon, I don't think I shall be very disheartened. My wits have never failed me yet, and my day will come!

It was quite nine o'clock and the ear! had just returned from Mountberry, and had poured an account of what had occurred between himself and the duchess into his wife's cars. Lady Daleswater was simply furious with resentment against her mother, but she did not dis cuss the matter further as Shella came in

The legal advisers of the earl and ounters had answered her ladyship's asty summons promptly, and all they waited for was Beverley Rochfort to ap-

Just when conversation on the and important question was in full awing, a note was brought in and handed to th ountess. She read it through, and grew white to the lips with mortification.

"Mr. Rochfort has deserted us and gone over to the enemy," she said, curtly, and then she handed the letter to her husband and bid him read it aloud.

Beverley wrote very clearly and briefly He had already consulted his lawyer, who had told him promptly that any question of annulling the marriage was as impossible as absurd; therefore he begred Lady Daleswater to accept his de ided refusal to join her in this matter.

"I am sure when you are less, and, I may say, justly, incensed at this mar-riage," he wrote, "you will see that as a nan of honor I can do nothing but this, for were I to enforce my guardianship, I must rob Lady John Glendurwood of the arge fortune which was bequeathed her by Mr. Roderick Anstruther on his deathbed. I regret that I can offer your lady-

ship no avail in the matter." "It is a good move," he said, alor is rooms. "Of course, if that confounded paper would have stood the light of ay I would not have scrupled to use it, but it is too feeble a bridge to carry me This other is a safer and a surer Once a friend in John Glendurwood's house, the rest will be easy!" and

he laughed softly. Poor, sweet, young Audrey, how little did she know the storm clouds that were gathering over her-clouds born of Judaslike treachery, envious hate, mean spite, legraded passion, and other evil human notives.

CHAPTER XV. The excitement and gosslp about Lord John Glendurwood's romantic marriage ingered much longer than the proverbial

nine days. A month passed away, and a curious month it was to Audrey. Every day she sat with her mother studying French and Italian, and having her first lesson on the piano and in singing. Audrey lived in her dreams and in her studies. She was ao strangely, incomprehensibly happy. To define her condition of mind would be an impossibility. It seemed to their home for a time. her as though some fairy had suddenly touched her with a wand, and everything about her had changed to this delightful existence. In a dim, misty sort of way, glewood House. He felt that it would she recognized that she had become a

grand lady, but that was not by any means a certainty. She wrote often to Jean Thwalt and not to discuss her just yet.

| reiterated her vows of never-ending love,

ferent being. It was evening when the had happened to her whilom friend, and slumber left him, and at once his gaze now that Audrey was a grand married went round the room in search of that lady she was separated from her humble lovely girlish face that had haunted his childhood's companion by a social chasm dreams so delightfully. they could never bridge over; therefore "Audrey!" he whispered, faintly, and Jean wrote timidly and with much conome one came hurriedly out of the dusk straint, and both girk sighed over the simple yet strong friendship which had

lived and now was ended. March having come in like a lamb, was going out in the most approved leonine fashion. How the wind blew, and "Now you have turned the corner, and bow dreary the gray skies looked above

> "We shall have a fall of snow, depend upon it that is what is coming," declared Dr. Sentance. "Take my advice, Lord John, fold yourself up in as many rugs as you can find, and fice away south to the sun and the warm breezes.' "Where ought I to go?" he asked,

> "Well, I think Florence would be an excellent spot. Suit both her ladyship and yourseif." "I-I am quite sure that Aud-my wife

> will never consent to this arrangement." "Pray, why not?" "She-oh, well, hang it all, doctor, look how she neglects me! I might be dead and buried and she wouldn't care! She

has never been near me for a month-

never since I was 55 bad !" "It strikes me that you are a very foolish young man, Lord John, if you imagine your young wife doesn't care anything about you, and as to her not coming to see you, well, I think if you reflect a little you will agree with me that so young a girl is apt to be shy and modest. Modesty is so rare nowadays, my lord, I would not try to do without it if I were you."

The young man's cheeks were quite healthy in color.
"I dare say I am a fool, but I have

been worrying myself that, perhaps, Audrey had married me only out of pity, when she thought I was dying and-"And a lot more nonsense of the same sort, of course," broke in the old doctor, cheerily, his eyes twinkling as he spoke. "You don't seem to realize, my lord, that you are the hero of a romance. It is not every one who can boast of such a marriage as yours, but, though romance has its pleasant points, it also has its disagreeable ones, and unless I am very much mistaken, that sweet little maiden will be ever so much happier when she

Jack Glendurwood nearly shook Dr. Sentance's hand off. "What an idiot I am!" he exclaimed. "Most lovers are," was the dry reply. 'And you will take my advice about this

is rescued from the curious and carried

away for a time by her husband."

foreign trip?" "I will go and find my-my wife this very moment, and if she agrees we will start at once."

CHAPTER XVI. Audrey had finished her Italian read-

ing and was sitting before the fire on a low stool, playing with one of Jack's dogs, who seemed to adopt her as their mistress while he was ill, when the door pened slowly behind her. The duchess had had this little room

arranged for the girl especially; it was a dainty place, fit nest for so exquisite a

"I do believe Pat could speak if liked, mother dearest," Audrey laughed softly, not looking round. "If any one could make him speak,

you could," a voice answered her, softly, The girl sprang to her feet, while Pat, a shaggy, rough-haired Dandy Dinmont, ran forward with a whine of pleasure to greet his master. Audrey's face was first rosy and then white.

"Oh! What have you been doing?" she cried in deepest anxiety. You-

"I am walking across the room," Jack laughed, very gently; "and I assure you I feel better every step I take."

Audrey's heart was beating so wildly, seemed to send a thrill through all her limbs. She was startled, and was very shy and nervous. She had no idea he was so well as this; it was a great shock to turn round and see him standing there, smiling with his eyes and lips as he had smiled that first day of their meeting. "Well," said Jack, as he came to a standstill before her, "are you not going

to say something to me, Audrey?"
"I am very glad---" There she stopped, for he had suddenly thrown his arms about her and

drawn her close to his heart. "My dearest, my sweetest wife! murmured, passionately, while a flood of color rushed into her cheeks. "My own, my very own!" and then, before she aware of it, he had stooped and kissed her lips softly, whispering tender words

all the while. With an almost inarticulate cry she buried her face on his breast and clung to him with a force which was the sweetest sensation Jack Glendurwood had ever experienced. He saw then how wise the old doctor had been, and was grateful to the common sense that had prompted him to end the unsatisfactory condition of affairs.

By and by he sat down in the bi chair, and she nestled on the floor beside him, and holding and kissing her hands alternately, Jack unfolded his plan for taking her away directly. "Sentance says I must go," he added

plaintively, as be waited for her answer. 'It will cure me entirely." "Then"-she blushed quietly-"then let

us go at once, my-my darling." And so, when Constance Fraser entered the room a little while later, she found the two sitting together, and learned that as soon as everything could be arranged. the young couple were ready to start.

With smiles and deepest blessings, they took their departure a few days later. Audrey bought a present for Jean in every foreign town she visited, and when the season was over Jack had promised she should have her poor little school friend to stay with her for as long as she

They had not settled where they would live permanently, but they were both inlined to Craiglands. Lord Iverne was going to be taken abroad by his mother to ome mineral waters, and the poor fellow had expressed a wish that his brother and his bride would make Craigiands

"It will be so near mother." Audrey had said, and Jack bad not told her that Mrs. Fraser would no longer lahabit Dingive her so much pain, and, besides, he was so ashamed and angry with Sheila for her cruel conduct, that he determined

now how Sheila had behaved, for Mra Fraser would so to Cronberg with the Duchess of Harborough, and would in all probability reside abroad for a few

Audrey exclaimed with pleasure as they drove into the pretty grounds at Hurlingham, and was so lost in gazing at them that she was quite unconscious of the sensation her appearance was causing the crowd of fashionables. Of course, they had done nothing but discuss the John Glendarwood marriage, and now the sight of the young man's handsome and welf-known face revived the curiosity and gossip afresh.

"Jack Glendurwood is here with his wife! Have you seen them? What is she like? A nurse girl, wasn't she? Of course she is awful? What hardihood to bring her out so soon; she must be raw, however pretty! What will Shella Fraser and Lady Gladys Daleswater do?" These and dozens of quick questions and remarks of the like sort ran like wildfire through the throng.

Jack was very calm. He lifted his darling down and gave a few directions.

to the groom, while Andrey looked around her, a picture of exquisite simplicity and unsurpassable loveliness in her soft white silk dress, with a little high white bonnet crowning her dark locks. She was not only beautiful, she was that most desired of all things, "good form."

From head to foot her attire was perfection. Constance Fraser had carefully superintended this, and had chosen nothing but the prettiest and most youthful dresses.

"I see our mothers," said Audrey, turn ing to her ausband.

"Come along, we will go to them." returned Jack, who could scarcely conceal smile as he read the utter amazement too bad!" and admiration written on nearly every face. Andrey walked through the crowd quite easily. The strains of the band sounded pleasantly in her ears, and she smiled across to where her mother sat waiting for her to come. The duchess bent toward Constance Fraser. merit
"My dear," she said, warmly and ten-

derly, "the child has conquered already. She is perfect; look at her walk, at her carriage. Why, there is scarcely a woman here who can hold herself like Audrey does. I am proud of her!"

Lady Daleswater was standing some distance away from where her mother was sitting. The rupture between them was open gossip, so neither took any precautions about guarding against remarks on the fact of their not speaking.

Sheila Fraser was with the countess; in fact, she was staying with the Daleswaters. There was a younger brother of the earl's whom Gladys had destined should win and use the Fraser thousands for this reason, and because she knew that Sheila was an implacable foe to the girl who had dared to thwart her plans, and who she determined in her imperious fashion should yet be made to suffer. (To be continued.)

## WHEAT FOR WAGON TIRES.

Substitute for Rubber May Work a Revolution.

A new substitute for rubber has been found and if claims of the inventor prove to be well founded there will be motor cars and bicycles with tires made of wheat, golf balls that first-" once were kernels of maize, pavements of barley and linoleum that might have been rye bread.

British patent office records show that some 300 inventions of substitutes have been filed, not one of which has attained success.

The new claimant is William Thred- shut. They've investigated. Squire fall Carr of Wembley. He purp to make artificial rubber from cereals. It is said that a syndicate of capitalists interested in tire manufacturing and nobody knows how much after has offered him \$1,200,000 for his patent rights.

The invention of artificial rubber was prophesied at the recent meeting It." of the British Association and the industrial world has been eager for it ever since the motor car and bicycle trades threatened to exhaust the supply of the natural article.

Mr. Carr's substitute is obtained by treating any cereal with phyalin, a well-known chemical substance that acts in solution as a ferment, turning the starchy matter in grain into dextrose. Another chemical is used in the process to check the fermentation at any desired stage. This makes it possible to produce the artificial rubber in several different atrengths.

The inventor proposes to make the substance in six grades, from a liquid solution suitable for waterproofing to a hardness sultable for golf balls, in which it is said to possess the lightness of cork and the toughness chilled steel. In other grades it will be serviceable for tires, tubes, linoleum work and slabs or sheets for block

pavement. Mr. Carr intends to visit Canada and other grain-producing countries for the purpose of arranging for supplies of cereals in quantities sufficient to cope with the operations contemplated. When he was asked if his invention might not have the effect of in-

creasing the price of food he replied: "There is no danger. The new linoeum will be a reserve food supply. In the event of a famine it can be boiled and reconverted into food."

The plaintiff's barrister in the breach of promise case thought he would make life a burden to the unfortunate young

man who was the unwilling defendant. "Do you mean to say," he asked, after a number of embarrassing questions, "that after you had been absent for an entire month you did not kiss the plaintiff, to whom you were engaged to be married, when you first saw her

on your return?" "I do," responded the defendant, "Will you make that statement to the

fury?" "Certainly, if necessary." "Do you think that they would beleve you?"

"One of them would, I know." "Ah, indeed! And why should he, DERY?"

"Because he was present when I first saw her. He was at the gate when I rode up, and she stuck her head out of the second-story window, and I said to her, 'How d'ye do?' and called out I'd be back to supper in half an hour. I'm no giraffe," and everybody smiled except the barrister .- Tit-Bits.

Possible Explanation. Mabel-Oh, no; he hadn't the face to even try to kiss me, Stella-Perhaps you didn't have the cheek to tempt him.

WHAT THE VOICE SAID AT EVENING.

Rest, life, and be still. The task of the day is done What you have sown God trusts to the soil, the rain and the sun. What you have dreamed is His thought of days that are yet to be, What you have hoped He counts in the sheaves of eternity,

Rest, life, and he still. For you falls the night-sweet boon! Truth lives in eternal day-like the sun, in eternal noon, Touch, O soul, the soul of the infinite, patient God, Who plants the seeds of the ages in the moment's moldering sod.

Rest, life and be still. God gave this sunset hour That, watching, you might feel the peace of His quiet power. In lights and colors of life no dusk of death cat mar, God paints this day in heaven, and over it hangs a star. -Youth's Commanion.



On his return from the village one | Wherever men congregated the talk afternoon, Daniel Lang entered the was about petroleum, until it naight house with a preoccupied look on his have seemed that boring for oil up in face, which quickly vanished as he Canada was Greenhill's leading home caught sight of his wife.

"Well, I declare, Maria," he exclaimed, "if I didn't forget all about that varn! Never thought of it till this craft's activities in Greenhill, but that minute. And the gingham, too. It's

After a search through his pockets be finally produced a much crumpled bit of cloth. "Here's the sample you gave me," he said, in a propitiatory tone, as if there might be some slight merit in having brought that back in

'I told you so!" said Mrs. Lang. "Or, at any rate, I thought to myself when you started off that you'd forget more than you would remember. It was rushed into the house, "what do you easy enough to see that your wits were wool-gathering all the time I was giving you your charges. I should think that you had been gone long enough. though, to do all your errands twice didn't find the least sign of oil. They over.'

"Well, you see," said Daniel, "I was 'tending to a little matter of business." "Business?" cried his wife. "I'll eum, Daniel Lang! Just as I expected," she went on, as she read assent to her guess in his eyes. "I told you that man Rosencraft would inveigle you into that foolishness if you didn't look out."

"It isn't foolishness," protested Daniel. "It's an A No. 1 investment. Everybody knows that there's money in

"Money in oil!" scoffed Mrs. Lang. "Yes, for Rosencraft, no doubt! And the oil is all on his tongue. He's a smooth one. I told you, from the

"Now, Maria, do be reasonable. Do you suppose that such men as Deacon Locke, and Souire Marks, and old Mr. Evans, that's as close as the bark to a tree, would let Rosencraft fool them, even if he wanted to? I tell you, they don't go into things with their eyes shares will pay from fifty to seventy five per cent dividends the first year. that. Why, they've struck oil already! Rosencraft had a bottle of it with him this afternoon, and he let me smell of

"Remember that patent churn, Daniel? And what I told you when you bought the county right for forty dollars? And how it came out?"

"Of course I do. You've reminded me of it twice a week on an average for the last ten years. But this is different. This isn't a speculation; it's a certainty." "Now, Maria," he went on, coaxing

ly, "don't be offish. I'm doing this more on your account and Rosetta's than on my own. I want you to take some comfort as you get along in years, and I want Rosetta to have advantages. They say that every man has his chance once in his life, and this is mine."

"For the land sake, Daniel! You tall as if you were buying a whole well yourself. How much are you calculating to put in?"

'Well," said Daniel, avoiding his wife's steady gaze, "you see, Rosencraft had just fifteen shares left, and we got to bantering, and on the spur of the moment, so to speak, he offered 'em to me for an even thousand. He was sorry the minute I took him up, but it was too late."

A full minute passed before Maria found her voice. "A thousand dollars!" she gasped, at last. "A thousand dollars! Where is the money coming

from?" "Why, I'm going to borrow it of Mr Evans—just for the time being." "And mortgage the farm? O, Daniel

you don't mean it!" "It isn't going to be one of thes long-running mortgages," said Daniel doggedly. "I can pay off quite a part of it before snow files, and the balance next year. You don't seem to realize that the dividends will be coming in right away."

The discussion lasted for a long time, but with no effect on either side. "It's no use arguing with you, Dantel," said Mrs. Lang, finally, dropping her voice from the key to which it had been raised. "You are clean bewitched But when you wake up some day to find that you've been swindled out of house and home, perhaps you will remember that I told you beforehand." And having thus spoken, she left the

When Daniel brought the note and mortgage for his wife's signature the next day he was quite prepared to be met by further remonstrance, and perhaps refusal; but much to his relief she complied without a word, although the look on her face as she wrote her name under his on each of the tw

documents was certainly eloquent. After Daniel had folded them and taken them away, so far as this particular subject was concerned, there was a silence in the Lang household gage, every cent. And, Daniel," she that lasted for many a day.

It was different in the town at large.

industry. It must be nearly forty years now since the brief period of Mr. Rosensnave and engaging gentleman and the enterprise that he brought to the attention of many substantial citizens are even yet not wholly forgotten.

Late in the autumn Danel Lang was drawn on the jury," and consequently was absent from home for some days. On the day that he was expected to ter of the house, came from an errand

to the village with startling news.

"O, mother," she exclaimed, as she think? Squire Marks and Deacon ocke got back from Canada yesterday. They had been up there to look after those oil wells, and it seems they couldn't find Mr. Rosencraft, either, and now they say that the shares aren't worth the paper they are printed on. I guess everybody is pretty much warrant you've gone into that petrol- stirred up about it. They say Mr. Evans takes it dreadfully hard, and talks about going to the poorhouse."

"I guess he won't go to the poorhouse at present," sald Mrs. Lang, re-



membering a certain note that she had signed. She had grown very pale as she listened to the news, but she made

no other comment. "Mother," asked Rosetta, presently "how much money hae father lost?" "He hasn't lost anything to speak of," was the reply, "I want you to remember that when you are away from home," added Mrs. Lang. significantly.

A little later she said, with an atempt at cheerfulness, "Wouldn't you like to spend the rest of the day with your cousin Addie? You haven't been there for some time. You may stay to supper if Aunt Emma invites you." The girl was glad enough to escape from what she felt to be an atmosphere

of troube, and Mrs. Lang was left

alone with her thoughts to await the

coming of her husband, whom she expected on the stage at five o'clock. In spite of her abstraction, she went about her preparations for the evening meal with more than usual care; and by five o'clock the supper table, in its company dress of snow-white cloth. china tea set and highly polished steel knives and forks, made a brave display of frosted cake, custards, quince preserves, and other more substantial dishes, while from the oven stole forth the aroma of "cream-of-tartar biscults" almost ready to take their place at the

feast. The sound of wheels was heard, followed by the "Whon!" of the stage-driver; and peering through the window Mrs. Lang saw her husband walking slowly up the path, carpetbag in hand. She met him at the door, and one glance at his face convinced her that he had heard the news.

"Why, how pale you are!" she cried, nvoluntarily.

"Yes," said he, "I'm completely broken up. This has been too much for me. I can hardly hold up my head." Now was the time for Mrs. Lang's "I told you so." but as she looked at his haggard face the words, even if they vere in her mind, died on her tongue. "O Daniel," she implored, "don't take on about it! Keep up your courage, and we'll weather it yet."

"Oh, yes," said he, a little more heerfully, "I presume I'll be all right by morning. You see, the jury couldn't agree on that last case, and they kept us out all night, and I never could stand being broken of my rest." "Why, Daniel, haven't you heard what has happened?" asked Maria, in

surprise. Then, in answer to his questioning look, she rapidly told the tale of the bursting of Greenhill's petroleum "But don't you be downhearted," she said. "We are still young and have our health, and we'll pay off that mort-

hurried on, "I don't blame you one bit. perity."-Washington Star.

"What do you mean?" cried his wife,

in amazement, "Tell me, did you really have sense enough to sell out?"

Smarter men than you got caught. And;

I don't forget that you went into this

Daniel had listened at first in a

dazed silence, but now a smile slowly,

broke over his face, and he was moved;

to speak. "It is kind of tough for those

that were in it, no mistake, but I guess

it doesn't concern me personally very,

mostly for my sake and Rosetta's."

"I had sense enough not to buy in; that is, if you call it my sense," he replied, modestly. "Fast is, you were so set against it that I gave it up at the last minute. I was on my way to Mr. Evans' for the money when my courage failed me, and I tore up the note and portgage, and went and told Rosencraft but I had backed ou."

Mrs. Lang drew a long breath, "For, coodness' sake, Daniel, why didn't you ell me?"

"Well, Maria," said he, hesitatingly, that was the mean part of it, and I'm corry enough now. But it was this way. I still had just about as much faith in those shares as ever, and I says to myself, 'She has always been coming at me with her "I told you so," and now I'll get even with her. I won't say a word about it till those dividends begin to roll in, and then when she wants to know why we don't get ours, I'll tell her it is because I followed her advice. Then I'll have my chance to say, "I told you so!" for the rest of my natural life,' But I'm terribly ashanged of it now, especially considering how you took it when you thought I'd lost the money. I ask

your forgiveness, Maria." But Maria would not allow her husband all the penitence.

"I know I've been too fault-finding at times," she said, "but I'm going to eturn, Rosetta, the 14-year-old daugh- do better. For one thing," she added, smiling through her tears, "I'll try not to say 'I told you so!' again as long as I live."

They sat down to supper, and Dantel, as he availed himself of the "good home cooking," soon declared that be felt like a new man. "I can't help thinking, though," he said, "about the people that went into that oil speculation. To be sure, those that lost the most are the ones best able to lose. I guess I was the only one foolish enough to think of mortgaging his farm. Strange," he mused, "that that Rosencraft, pleasant-spoken chap be was, should have turned out to be such a sharper."

"Well, you remember I-" began Mrs. Lang; but she stopped short. "Yes, Maria," said Daniel, with a chuckle, as he broke open another fluffy biscuit, "I'll own up-you told me so."-Youth's Conpanion.

FOREIGN VESSEL AT CINCINNATI. Clara Ramos Stopped There and Town Felt Like Real Seaport.

For the first time in the history of the city a steamer flying the flag of a foreign country tied to the bank in the port of Cincinnati last Saturday. says the Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune. She was bound for the Gulf of Mexico and thence across its waters to the inland waterways of the Republic of Mexico. Built at Pittsburg, nique in appearance, a three-decker, graceful in outline and flying light, the Clara Ramos dipped her flag in salute to the array of steamers at the wharf and was saluted in turn.

It was an interesting incident in the history of the port of Cincinnati and is a suggestor of great possibilities. While the Clara Ramos gave the Cinclunatians the first sight of a foreign flag in port, Cincinnati in the olden time built ships which lave sailed down the Ohio and Mississippi and crossed the ocean to Liverpool and to other ports. They engaged and continued in the ocean-carrying trade long before the days of steam in ocean navigation and when Jack Tar was not only a picturesque but a necessary attachment to trade and commerce between the United States and foreign countries. In Cist's "History of Cincinnati" the following interesting statement is given from the Liverpool Times of Jan. 30, 1845:

"We have received a file of Cincinnati papers brought by the first vessel that ever cleared at that port for Europe. The building of a vessel of 350 tons-the Muskingum-on a river 1.700 miles from the sea is, in itself, a very remarkable circumstance, both as a proof of the magnificence of the American rivers and the spirit of the American people. The navigating of such a vessel down the Ohio and Mississippi and then across the Affantic would a few years ago have been thought impossible. She brings a cargo of provisions and we trust that the success of the first venture will be such as to encourage its frequent repetition."

Costly Walls.

When the Spaniards built the city on Panama to be the great port of their Pacific commerce, they put round it walls which they expected to save them; from raiders of all sorts. Although these walls were built by natives forced to work almost for nothing, they cost, says Mr. Forbes-Lindsay, not less than eleven million dollars. The King of Spain, the story goes,

the westerly windows of his palace. One of his ministers inquired the reason for his apparent anxiety. "I am looking," said the king, "for those costly walls of Panama. They

looked wearily and long one day out of

ought to be visible even at this distance." Infrequent Occasions. "You must try to love your papa,"

you." "Oh, I love him more!" replied Tommy. "Indeed? Doesn't your papa love you

said the visitor, "as much as he loves

"Not much. He says he only loves, me when I'm good."-Philadelphia Press.

very much?"

Conclusive. "Do you regard this prevalence or high prices as a sign of prosperity?" "Certainly," answered Mr. Dustin Stax; "the fact that people can afford to pay them is a conclusive sign of pros-